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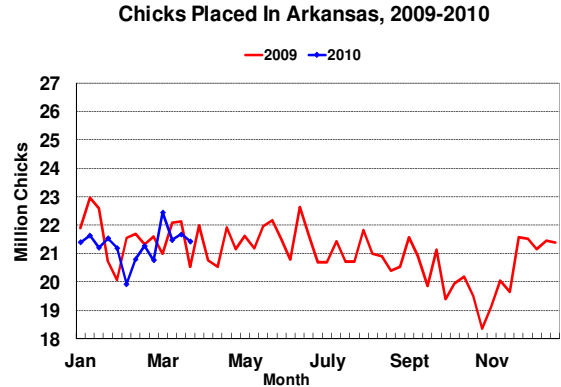
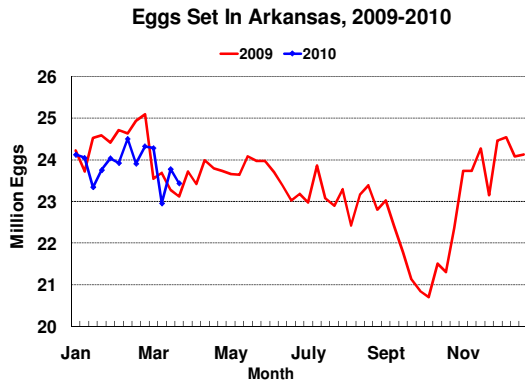


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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 4 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.4 million during the week ending March 27, 2010. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2009 but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 27, 2010, up 1 percent from the same period last year but down 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, February 27, 2010 - March 27, 2010

| State | Eggs Set | | | | | Chicks Placed | | | | |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | Week Ending | | | | | Week Ending | | | | |
| | 27-Feb | 6-Mar | 13-Mar | 20-Mar | 27-Mar | 27-Feb | 6-Mar | 13-Mar | 20-Mar | 27-Mar |
| Alabama | 30,104 | 30,017 * | 29,667 | 30,564 | 30,325 | 20,739 | 20,883 | 21,449 | 20,750 | 20,850 |
| Arkansas | 24,327 | 24,284 * | 22,958 | 23,778 * | 23,437 | 20,773 | 22,446 | 21,477 | 21,677 * | 21,428 |
| Delaware | 3,264 | 3,193 | 3,782 | 3,615 | 3,709 | 5,629 | 3,625 | 4,581 | 4,994 | 4,391 |
| Florida | 1,385 | 1,338 | 1,303 | 1,316 | 1,343 | 1,040 | 1,037 | 1,030 | 1,029 | 1,096 |
| Georgia | 31,520 | 31,745 * | 31,691 | 31,701 | 31,500 | 26,205 | 25,847 | 25,946 | 26,433 | 27,287 |
| Kentucky | 7,775 | 7,822 * | 7,710 | 7,995 | 7,708 | 6,120 | 6,033 | 6,450 | 6,070 | 6,256 |
| Louisiana | 3,470 | 3,470 | 3,440 | 3,500 | 3,470 | 3,049 | 3,032 | 3,021 | 3,043 | 3,059 |
| Maryland | 9,106 | 9,062 | 8,856 | 9,141 | 9,089 | 5,316 | 6,589 | 6,115 | 6,069 | 6,223 |
| Mississippi | 19,465 | 19,349 | 19,156 | 19,503 | 19,405 | 16,897 | 17,174 | 16,809 | 16,891 | 16,766 |
| N. Carolina | 18,768 | 18,790 * | 18,901 | 18,559 | 18,743 | 15,411 | 15,299 | 15,790 | 15,610 | 15,853 |
| Oklahoma | 6,658 | 6,623 * | 7,113 | 7,224 * | 7,145 | 4,505 | 3,172 | 4,658 | 4,286 * | 4,347 |
| Pennsylvania | 3,698 | 3,692 | 3,839 | 3,743 * | 3,698 | 2,609 | 2,854 | 3,023 | 2,993 * | 2,940 |
| S. Carolina | 5,977 | 5,643 | 5,640 | 6,048 | 5,990 | 5,071 | 5,156 | 4,841 | 4,810 | 4,114 |
| Texas | 15,807 | 15,448 | 15,566 | 15,541 | 14,758 | 13,173 | 13,249 | 13,376 | 13,204 | 12,821 |
| Virginia | 6,427 | 6,549 | 6,543 | 6,412 | 6,178 | 4,561 | 5,751 | 5,212 | 5,052 | 5,328 |
| CA,MO,TN & WV | 19,614 * | 19,435 * | 19,502 * | 19,134 * | 18,832 | 17,201 * | 16,893 * | 16,389 * | 17,105 * | 16,422 |
| 19 State Total | 207,365 * | 206,460 * | 205,667 * | 207,774 * | 205,330 | 168,299 * | 169,040 * | 170,167 * | 170,016 * | 169,181 |
| Prev. Year Total | 206,753 | 202,111 | 203,072 | 200,382 | 199,817 | 166,495 | 167,577 | 169,505 | 170,633 | 167,014 |
| % of Prev. Year | 100 | 102 | 101 | 104 | 103 | 101 | 101 | 100 | 100 | 101 |

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 27, 2010. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 27, 2010. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through March 27, 2010 were 2.01 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.